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4 determining, by a client of said distributed  
5 computing environment, that a server coupled to said  
6 client, via a communications protocol that lacks  
7 individualized timeouts for individual components of  
8 said distributed computing environment, is unavailable  
9 to process requests for said client, wherein said  
0 server is a member of a group of a plurality of  
1 replicated servers; and

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1           2.    A system of managing connections between clients  
2   and servers of a distributed computing environment, said  
3   system comprising:

4                   means for determining, by a client of said  
5   distributed computing environment, that a server  
6   coupled to said client, via a communications protocol  
7   that lacks individualized timeouts for individual  
8   components of said distributed computing environment,  
9   is unavailable to process requests for said client,  
10   wherein said server is a member of a group of a  
11   plurality of replicated servers; and

12                   means for connecting said client to another  
13   replicated server of said group, wherein servers of  
14   said group lack knowledge of application-level  
15   information of a communication session of said client.

1           3.    At least one program storage device readable by a  
2 machine, tangibly embodying at least one program of  
3 instructions executable by the machine to perform a method  
4 of managing connections between clients and servers of a  
5 distributed computing environment, said method comprising:

6                   determining, by a client of said distributed  
7 computing environment, that a server coupled to said  
8 client, via a communications protocol that lacks  
9 individualized timeouts for individual components of  
10 said distributed computing environment, is unavailable  
11 to process requests for said client, wherein said  
12 server is a member of a group of a plurality of  
13 replicated servers; and

14                   connecting said client to another replicated  
15 server of said group, wherein servers of said group  
16 lack knowledge of application-level information of a  
17 communication session of said client.

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